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**California Regional Water Quality Control Board**  
Los Angeles Region  
Jonathan Bishop, Executive Officer

**Executive Officer's Report**

**Surface Water Division**

***Standards and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)***

**USEPA Approves Calleguas and Marina del Rey Toxics TMDLs**

USEPA approved the Calleguas Creek Historic Pesticides and Siltation TMDL and Calleguas Creek Toxicity TMDL on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, and the Marina del Rey Toxic Pollutant TMDLs on Thursday March 16, 2006. The Regional Board adopted the Calleguas TMDLs on July 7, 2005, and the Marina del Rey TMDLs on October 6, 2005. The TMDLs are subject to a federal consent decree which requires USEPA to approve the State TMDLs or establish its own by March 22, 2006. For copies of the final adopted TMDLs, see the Regional Board's Basin Planning web page: ([http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/tmdl/Basin\\_plan/basin\\_plan.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/tmdl/Basin_plan/basin_plan.html)).

**Calleguas Creek Metals TMDL**

Sam Unger

Regional Board staff continues to work with the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan to develop a TMDL for metals and selenium in Calleguas Creek. The Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan has completed the Technical Report for the Calleguas Creek Metals and Selenium TMDL. Regional Board staff has sent the report for peer review and staff is preparing a tentative basin amendment for Board consideration in the near future. Additionally, the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan is developing a comprehensive watershed monitoring program that integrates the Calleguas Creek TMDLs and Irrigated Lands Waiver monitoring requirements. The Plan will be submitted for Executive Officer approval later this year.

**San Gabriel River Metals TMDL**

Jenny Newman

Regional Board staff has been working with U.S. EPA and stakeholders to develop a TMDL for metals in the San Gabriel River. Regional Board staff hosted a public workshop on March 22, 2006, where they presented the proposed TMDL, responded to stakeholder questions, and received initial comments. The TMDL includes an assessment of current metals impairments in the watershed, CTR-based numeric targets for reaches impaired for metals, TMDLs for impaired reaches, allocations to sources

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that drain to impaired reaches, and an implementation plan with a schedule for attainment of proposed allocations. Regional Board submitted the staff report for peer review and public comment in March and intend to bring a tentative basin amendment for Board consideration at the June Board meeting. The San Gabriel River Metals TMDL is scheduled for EPA approval by March 22, 2007 pursuant to a consent decree between U.S. EPA and several environmental organizations. In order to meet the consent decree deadline, the Regional Board must adopt the TMDL in 2006.

### **Dominguez Channel, Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors TMDLs**

LB Nye

A second Advisory Council stakeholder meeting for the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor TMDLs was held by the Los Angeles Regional Board and USEPA staff on March 1, 2006 at the Regional Board offices to discuss progress on the TMDLs.

The agenda at the Advisory Council meeting included updates on efforts to fill in data needed for development of the hydrodynamic and water quality models. These efforts will include a Regional Board contract with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) to examine 1) Air deposition for metals, PAHs, chlorinated hydrocarbons, and 2) sediment/water flux of organic contaminants in the Harbors. As work on the source assessment and model development is now in progress, any additional data or studies useful to the modeling will need to be completed or submitted very soon to be included in the model. USEPA staff presented the first draft of source assessment and numeric targets. A written draft will be made available to stakeholders in April.

In addition to the TMDL development updates, staff of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) presented a "Stakeholder Model and Cost Allocation Model" which they are developing for possible use in the Dominguez Channel watershed. The model, the first of its type, is intended to improve the science of allocation process and LLNL intends to create a model which can be expanded for use nationwide.

### ***TMDL Implementation and Special Studies***

#### **San Gabriel River Algae TMDL**

Jenny Newman

The San Gabriel River (Reach 1) and several of its tributaries are impaired for excessive algae, which can impair recreational and aquatic life beneficial uses and have detrimental effects on dissolved oxygen concentrations, pH, turbidity, and odor. The San Gabriel River Algae TMDL was scheduled for adoption by March 22, 2003 pursuant to a consent decree between U.S. EPA and several environmental organizations. In 2003, the consent decree plaintiffs agreed to extend the deadline to March 22, 2008 in order for U.S. EPA and the Regional Board to collect additional information to address the algae issue. On March 14, Regional Board staff attended the regular monthly meeting of the San Gabriel River Watershed-wide Monitoring Program, where U.S. EPA presented the results of the first year of a two-year algae study. The study is designed to provide an integrated assessment of algal related conditions in the San Gabriel watershed and establish linkages between algal abundance, distribution, and beneficial uses. Specific objectives addressed in the first year of study were: 1) characterizing patterns in algal abundance in the San Gabriel River Watershed and 2) identifying the major factors responsible for algal growth. During summer months, two growth cycles were identified in certain reaches (San Jose Creek), while in the main stem, algal growth was more consistent over time. This difference may be attributable to changes in water flow and other characteristics in tributaries as compared to the main stem.

### **Santa Monica Bay Beaches and Marina del Rey Pathogen TMDL Implementation Plans**

The Regional Board will be briefed on the implementation plans for the the Santa Monica Bay Beaches and Marina del Rey Pathogen TMDLs at the April Board meeting.

### **Upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL Special Studies**

Sam Unger

USCR Chloride TMDL - Regional Board staff continue to meet with about 30 stakeholders on a monthly basis to review results of the TMDL Special Studies. The most recent studies included a review of available methodologies for Extended Agricultural Studies to refine the chloride threshold established by a recently completed report that reviewed agronomic literature regarding chloride sensitivity of salt sensitive crops grown in the Santa Clara River Watershed. Regional Board staff will present the results of the TMDL special studies at an upcoming meeting when the Implementation Schedule will be reconsidered by the Regional Board.

### **Los Angeles Region Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Lands**

Rebecca Veiga Nascimento

Regional Board staff was invited to give a presentation on the Los Angeles Region Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Lands on February 22, 2006 at the CORF Ag Waiver Preparation Seminar for Nurseries in Ventura County. The meeting was sponsored by the California Ornamental Research Foundation (CORF) and was held at the offices of the Ventura County UC-Cooperative Extension. The presentation covered the elements of the conditional waiver and the requirements for growers to enroll and participate in the program. Regional Board Staff has also been working with individual growers and conducting site visits to help growers better understand the program and various participation options. Additionally, Regional Board staff met with the Los Angeles County Agriculture Commissioners and representatives of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Watershed Protection Division, on March 15, to discuss the Conditional Waiver Program and strategies for outreach to L.A. County growers. Board staff will continue to work with the agricultural community to effectively implement the waiver program.

Regional Board staff participated in the irrigated agricultural lands training held by the UC Davis Extension Water Academy in Sacramento. This training provided a basic understanding of cropping systems with special reference to water quality. The three-day training included two-day class instruction and one-day field trip. Staff interacted with Regions 3 and 5 staff on implementation of agricultural waivers in these regions. Staff found this training very helpful in their work on conditional waiver for irrigated lands.

For additional information on the Los Angeles Region Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Lands, please contact Rebecca Veiga Nascimento at (213) 576-6661 or [rveiga@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rveiga@waterboards.ca.gov) or Sam Unger at (213) 576-6784 or [sunger@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sunger@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Malibu Creek Bacteria TMDL**

Melinda Becker

Regional Board staff attended a meeting with the responsible agencies on February 15, 2006, at the City of Calabasas City Hall to discuss the merits of a regional reference watershed study. The Malibu Creek Bacteria TMDL, which became effective on January 24, 2006, requires the responsible agencies and jurisdictions to submit the results of a reference watershed study to the Regional Board by January 24, 2008. The Regional Board may consider revising the allowable days of exceedance of the single sample bacteria objectives, based on the results of the study.

During the meeting, the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) made a presentation on an ongoing regional reference watershed study. Per the request of the Malibu Creek agency representatives, Regional Board staff provided a letter supporting the concept of a regional study, as it would allow analysis of multiple sites representing a variety of subwatershed conditions, including watershed size and stream order, which may impact bacterial indicators.

### **Non-Structural Implementation Milestone Meeting**

L.B. Nye

Regional Board staff attended a milestone meeting to discuss conceptual non-structural implementation measures for meeting bacterial TMDL waste load allocations within the Malibu Creek watershed. The meeting was held at the City of Calabasas City Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. Participants included representatives of the cities of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Ventura County Watershed Protection Division, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Watershed Protection Division, Heal the Bay, and Regional Board staff. The focus of this study is to address the pollutant discharges from the MS-4 system. 42 ideas for non-structural measures to reduce bacterial loading from stormdrains and runoff were discussed and included, for example, the areas of public outreach to pet and horse owners, enhanced inspection training and functions, guidelines to prevent discharges from public events and incentive programs. The next milestone meeting will be June 13, 2006.

### ***Upcoming TMDLs***

#### **Ballona Creek Pathogen TMDL**

Ginachi Amah

A draft TMDL for Bacterial Indicator Densities in Ballona Creek, Ballona Estuary, and Sepulveda Channel, will be released shortly for public review and comment. The TMDL will address the high frequency of exceedance of bacteria water quality objectives in these waterbodies. In developing the implementation section of the TMDL, Regional Board staff solicited input from participants in the stakeholder group “Cleaner Rivers through Effective Stakeholder TMDLs” (CREST). CREST is a stakeholder effort initiated by the City of Los Angeles geared towards collaborative TMDL development in the Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek watersheds. The CREST Technical Committee met several times over a period of nine months to develop implementation strategies and accompanying cost analyses, required to meet the requirements of the TMDL. The product of this collaborative effort will be included in the document released to the public.

### ***Enforcement Unit***

#### **Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to the Ojai Valley Sanitary District**

Russ Colby

Complaint No. R4-2006-0029 for Mandatory Minimum Penalty in the amount of \$123,000 against Ojai Valley Sanitary District on March 17, 2006 for violation of waste discharge requirements contained in Regional Board Order No. R4-2003-0087. The Ojai Valley Sanitary District has until April 19, 2006 to submit a signed waiver and the penalty assessed to the Regional Board.

**Administrative Civil Liability issued to Rodeo Owner Corporation**

Lala Kabadanian

Complaint No. R4-2006-0038 for Administrative Civil Liability in the amount of \$216,135 against Rodeo Owner Corporation for violation of waste discharge requirements contained in Regional Board Order Nos. 97-045 and R4-2003-0111. The Rodeo Owner Corporation has until April 19, 2006 to submit a signed waiver and the penalty assessed to the Regional Board.

**Administrative Civil Liability issued to Santiago Associates, LLC**

Joyce Lee

Complaint No. R4-2006-0010 for Administrative Civil Liability in the amount of \$1,028,553 against Santiago Associates, LLC (hereinafter Permittee) for violation of requirements contained in Order No. 89-029. Santiago Associates, LLC has until April 19, 2006 to submit a signed waiver and the penalty assessed to the Regional Board.

***Cleanup and Abatement Order***

**Paradise Ranch Mobile Home Park**

Paradise Ranch Mobile Home Park (Park), located at 3620 Paradise Ranch Road in Castaic, CA was issued Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R4-2006-00 on March 20, 2006 for violating the Waste Discharge Requirements contained in Regional Board Order No. 89-029 by discharging regeneration brine from the central ion-exchange system and reverse osmosis reject brine into the effluent channel of the wastewater treatment plant from 1998 through 2004. The CAO requires Santiago Associates, LLC to immediately implement certain measures at the Park to eliminate and abate the discharge of brine into the wastewater treatment plant and the effluent channel of the wastewater treatment plant.

**NPDES Facility Inspections**

Jose Morales

Enforcement Unit NPDES inspectors conducted inspections at 5 facilities with NPDES Permits since March 9, 2006. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program.

**Self Monitoring Reports**

Enforcement Staff

Staff reviewed 13 Self-Monitoring Reports submitted by NPDES permit holders since March 9, 2006.

**Notices Of Violation – NPDES DMRs**

Enforcement Staff

The Executive Officer issued Notices of Violation and Requirements to Submit Information to 2 facilities for failing to comply with provisions of Waste Discharge Requirements included as part of their NPDES Permits since March 9, 2006. Enforcement staff identified these violations as part of the NPDES discharger monitoring report review process.

## **Environmental Crimes Task Forces**

Enforcement Staff

Staff continued to participate in the USEPA, LA County, Ventura County and the City of LA Environmental Crimes Task Force meetings.

## ***Watershed Regulatory***

### **Raw Sewage Spill – Santa Paula Wastewater Reclamation Facility**

Jau Ren Chen

On March 13, 2006, at approximately 9:15 A.M. the Plant Manager of the Santa Paula Wastewater Reclamation Facility (Facility) informed Regional Board staff that approximately 12,000 gallons of raw sewage overflowed from manholes located immediately adjacent to the Facility on Saturday, March 11, 2006. The Facility is unstaffed during the weekends. On Saturday, March 11, 2006, at approximately 3:00 P.M., the Plant Manager responded to an alarm via phone indicating a high water level at the influent wet well and later received a second alarm sent by the alarm / security company indicating that water was exiting a manhole on Corporation Street. The Plant Manager arrived at the Facility at approximately 3:50 P.M. and found that all four influent pump switches were off. He immediately restarted the pumps to stop the overflows. Although some of the sewage was contained and vacuumed into trucks for disposal at the Facility, approximately 10,000 gallons of untreated sewage entered the storm drain located along Corporation Street which flowed into an unlined reach of the Santa Clara River. The incident was caused by the failure of the Facility's Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) that controls pump speeds based on wet well level. When the PLC failed, the pumps, including influent pumps, turned off. On Sunday the Discharger installed a new PLC at the Facility. In an effort to prevent a future occurrence, the Discharger is planning to place a default setting into the pump's variable speed drives that will run all the PLC controlled pumps in manual at 50% speed in the event of a PLC failure. The Discharger is also planning to install a direct alarm from the PLC to the alarm / security company. In the event the PLC fails, an alarm signal will be sent directly to the alarm / security company, in turn, notifying plant personnel. The Discharger will submit a detailed spill report to the Regional Board within ten days. The Enforcement Unit will be reviewing all information regarding the spill to determine the appropriate enforcement action.

## ***Stormwater Compliance***

### **Stormwater Compliance and Enforcement Unit Accomplishments**

Ejigu Solomon

For most of the third quarter of the current fiscal year (January through the first week of March), unit staff have issued about 16 notice of violations (NOVs) for violations of the General Industrial and General Construction State Permits. One of these sites, Universal Waste Systems in the city of Whittier, is a recipient of a second NOV, and if violations are not addressed by early April, the site would likely be a candidate for administrative civil liability.

For the period, unit staff denied 11 notice of termination (NOT) applications. The denials are based on the fact that the sites did not comply with NOT application criteria for termination. A third of those denials were also simultaneously issued NOVs to correct the violations that prevented their termination. Also, during this period, unit staff issued 15 notice of non-compliance (NNC) letters to non-filers who should either enroll in a general permit, or show evidence that the permits are not applicable to their operations. Most of these sites are referrals from the cities of Vernon, Industry, and Santa Fe Springs. For those sites which have not submitted a response, NOVs will be issued before the end of March.

## ***Groundwater Division***

### ***Groundwater Permitting/Cleanup***

#### **Notice of Violation Issued to Kissel Company, Inc. for Sewage Spill at Paradise Cove, Malibu**

Toni Calloway

Paradise Cove Mobile Home Park (MHP), located on 90 acres along the coast of Malibu, has been operating since the early 1950s and is one of the largest coastal mobile home parks in southern California. Early in the morning of February 14<sup>th</sup>, a septic disposal system in the MHP failed. An estimated 200 to 500 gallons of raw sewage overflowed and spilled down the street and into the storm drain system prior to being discovered by MHP management at 7:30 am. A private individual reported this spill to Heal the Bay, who in turn reported the spill to the City of Malibu and the Regional Board.

On March 3, 2006, the Regional Board issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to Kissel Company (owner of the MHP) for the sewage spill and the fact that it wasn't reported to the Regional Board as required by the standard provisions included with the waste discharge requirements (WDRs) issued by this Regional Board for the MHP. The cause of the spill was found to be a running toilet in an unoccupied trailer.

#### **Fillmore Waste Water Treatment Plant**

Orlando Gonzalez and Rodney Nelson

Tentative WDRs for a new Fillmore Wastewater Recycling Plant (FWRP) and the existing Fillmore Wastewater Treatment Plant (FWTP) were initially sent to the City of Fillmore (Discharger) and interested parties on November 17, 2005. Because of numerous comments received from the Discharger and other agencies, Regional Board staff has had prolonged and extensive discussions with the commenters to better understand their issues, and, as staff determined was appropriate, revised the tentative WDRs for consideration by this Regional Board at the May 11, 2006 public meeting. The purpose of the WDRs is to permit the construction and operation of a new FWRP and include requirements for the existing FWTP. Discharge of treated effluent from the existing FWTP is to five percolation/evaporation ponds and/or a subsurface percolation field regulated by the Regional Boards WDRs Order No. 97-038. When the ponds and subsurface percolation fields are unavailable to dispose the effluent, the treated effluent is discharged to the Santa Clara River under separate requirements contained in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (NPDES No. CA0059021) Order No. R4-2003-0136 adopted by this Regional Board. The new FWRP is scheduled to begin operation in September 2009 and will discharge the treated effluent to surface and subsurface drip irrigation disposal areas in the community and reconstructed wastewater percolation ponds at the existing FWTP. At this time, the existing FWTP will be decommissioned and there will be no further discharge from this facility.

### ***Landfill Unit***

#### **Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Sylmar**

Rodney Nelson

Browning-Ferris Industries, owner/operator of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill submitted a joint technical document (JTD) to Regional Board staff (Staff) on March 1, 2006, for a proposed expansion of the existing active portion of the landfill located in the unincorporated portion of the County of Los Angeles. Per California regulations (title 27, California Code of Regulations [CCR]) staff has 30-days to determine if the JTD is complete and meets the requirements of title 27, CCR. Staff will meet with staff of the local enforcement agency (LEA – Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services) to discuss completeness issues. Included in the JTD are sections dealing with seismic design criteria used to determine slope stability of con-

tainment systems, waste, and cover. As has been done previously for Sunshine Canyon (for the portion located within the City of Los Angeles) and other Class III landfills in the Los Angeles Region, staff forwarded that portion of the JTD to the Department of Water Resources, Division of Dam Safety, for their review and comment. The LEA has forwarded this same material to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for similar review and comment. Once staff and the LEA have determined completeness of the JTD, the Discharger will be notified and staff will prepare tentative waste discharge requirements.

## ***Underground Storage Tank Program***

### **Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites**

Yue Rong

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of **February 6, 2006** through **March 9, 2006**, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

- Shell Station #204-4531-4105, Los Angeles (900590016)
- Former Texaco Service Station, Rowland Heights (I-06182)

For the case closure sites above, a total of **44,154** pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons were recovered by the vapor extraction treatment system.

### **Crescenta Valley Water District Wellfield MTBE Investigation**

Yi Lu and Magdy Baiady

In October 2005, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DPW) reported to Regional Board staff that since February 2005, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) had been detected in the Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) Supply Well No. 5, located in the Verdugo Groundwater Basin in La Crescenta, California. The MTBE detected in Well No. 5 ranged from 1.2 to 6.4 mg/L.

Responding to the concern, in November 2005, Regional Board staff conducted inspections at over 35 facilities within one-mile radius of the two CVWD wells (Well No. 2, and CVWD No. 5). Staff also conducted file review on these sites combining with results of the inspections. Subsequently a total of 22 potential source sites were identified. On February 27, 2006, the Executive Officer issued letters to 22 potential source sites requesting additional information on their operational activities that may have contributed to the MTBE detections in the groundwater. The Executive Officer also issued a letter to the CVWD requesting detailed information on CVWD wells No. 2 and No. 5 and analytical data from these wells. Currently, the investigation is ongoing.

## ***Grants & Loans***

### **Funding Opportunities**

Raymond Jay

Applications were recently submitted for approximately \$143M in consolidated bond monies (statewide) from Propositions 13, 40, and 50, along with Federal appropriations in the following areas: Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program, Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program, Nonpoint Source Implementation Program, Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program, Urban Stormwater Program, and the Integrated Watershed Management Program. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, a team of staff from multiple programs finished evaluating 77 concept proposals aggregating \$132 million dollars in the Los Angeles Region from the 2005-06 Consolidated Grants Program. Most of the project proposals were for storm water, habitat restora-

tion, and TMDL implementation projects. The team's reviews were then forwarded to State Board for compilation with other partner agency evaluations; by the end of May, top applicants will be invited back to compete for \$25 million in funding. More information is available online at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/other-funding.html>

No further grant solicitations are on the horizon, with the exception of second round of funding from the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Proposition 50 program in late 2006 or early 2007.

The Regional Board is compiling the State Revolving Loan Program Competitive Project List. The State Revolving Loan Program a low interest loan for construction of wastewater treatment plant and Non Point Source implementation projects. All project information is due the Regional Board by March 23, 2006. For more information, please go to the SWRCB website listed above or contact Mr. Raymond Jay at [rjay@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rjay@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **Grant Agreements**

Raymond Jay

Staff has finalized all but two grant agreements from the Agriculture Water Quality Grant Program. The remaining grant agreements should be finalized within the next month.

### **Projects in Process**

Raymond Jay

In addition to evaluating proposals for new projects and drafting grant agreements, staff continues to manage contracts and grants agreements for 49 active projects with an aggregate value of \$36 million dollars.

### **Projects Completed**

Sonja Gettel

Last month, the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) successfully completed Implementation and Evaluation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Improving Coastal Waters, using \$354,866 in grant funds. The final report, presenting data and an assessment of the BMPs in reducing the concentration of toxics in coastal watersheds, will soon be available on both the State and Regional Board website. Please contact Sonja Gettel for more information at [sgettel@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sgettel@waterboards.ca.gov).

Staff anticipates that four more projects will be successfully completed by the end of June 2006.

### **Projects Terminated**

Sonja Gettel

A grant for the San Gabriel Canyon Recreation Use Assessment and Trash Reduction Program project was formally terminated February 8, 2006, as the contractor, the San Gabriel Canyon Resource Conservancy, failed to meet contract requirements and its schedule. Proposition 13 – Phase III bond funds reserved for this project (\$791,000) will be re-appropriated by the State Water Resources Control Board for other projects.

## ***SLIC I Unit***

### **DOD – Point Mugu - Rescission of Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) 98-017**

In 1998, Naval Base Ventura County was issued CAO No. 98-017 because of repeated unauthorized discharges of raw sewage either into unlined ponds adjacent to Mugu Lagoon, onto roads and waterways adjacent to Mugu Lagoon, or directly into Mugu Lagoon or its tributaries, during major rain events. In response to the

CAO the Navy, over several years, upgraded their sewage lines to prevent inflow of significant rainwater, completed installation of an impermeable emergency storage basin, cleaned up surface contamination and determined by sampling groundwater, surface water, soil, and plant and animal tissues that the materials in the sewage sludge did not represent a health risk and promoted the growth of native vegetation when the pond berms were breached, and the floors of the ponds were graded so that tidal flow could enter and move over the pond floors, and successfully restored 30 acres of salt marsh.

Following review of numerous assessment and progress reports and additional information, the Regional Board rescinded CAO Order No. 98-017.

### ***SLIC IV Unit***

#### **Former Soco West Inc. facility in City of Vernon**

Robert Ehe

Soco West Inc. used to operate an industrial chemical blending, storage, and distribution facility in the City of Vernon, on a 3.3-acre triangular lot that is bounded by railroad right-of-way (BNSF & AMTRAK) and utility right-of-way (LA DWP). All buildings, aboveground storage tanks, and underground storage tanks were removed by December 2001, and the lot is currently vacant.

During operation, Soco West released volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to the underlying soils and groundwater. Soco West subsequently enrolled in the Regional Board's voluntary cleanup program and has proposed, in a Remedial Action Plan (RAP), to clean up the site to levels appropriate for industrial land activities. In accordance with the RAP, which the Regional Board just recently approved, Soco West shall conduct phased remediation that employs a combination techniques, including: removal and off-site disposal for the upper 10 feet of impacted soil; soil vapor extraction to treat the soil in the intermediary zone; and enhanced bioremediation, to create an in-situ reactive zone in order to enhance natural biodegradation of VOCs and daughter products in the perched groundwater zone.

Soco West shall continue to implement an existing quarterly groundwater monitoring program, for both shallow and deep zones.

#### **Former Aerojet-General Corporation facility in City of Azusa**

Robert Ehe

From 1943 until recently, Aerojet-General Corporation (Aerojet) owned and operated a manufacturing and research/development facility on 125 acres in Azusa. During operation of this facility, Aerojet released volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and potassium perchlorate to underlying soils and groundwater. As a result, Aerojet has been subject to site investigation and cleanup requirements from both the US EPA, which has designated Aerojet a responsible party in the San Gabriel Valley Superfund, Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU), and from the Regional Board, which issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) to Aerojet in 1999 (and a revised CAO in 2000). Per requirements of the CAO, Aerojet has submitted a workplan, Further Assessment of Perchlorate in Soils at Areas of Concern, that should complete assessments for and removal of perchlorate on property currently occupied by PerkinElemer Optoelectronics (1300 Optical Drive, Azusa). Removal of the perchlorate will occur through excavation and/or on and off-site treatment. On January 24, 2006, the Regional Board approved this workplan, and work should commence immediately.

Aerojet will continue to implement the quarterly groundwater-monitoring program already established under the existing CAO.

### **Azusa Pipe & Tube Bending Corporation facility in City of Azusa**

Robert Ehe

Since 1953, Azusa Pipe & Tube Bending Corporation (Azusa Pipe) has owned and operated a pipe and tube bending facility on 2/3 acres in Azusa. During operations, Azusa Pipe released volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and possibly metals to underlying soils and groundwater. As a result, Azusa Pipe has been subject to site investigation and cleanup requirements from both the US EPA, which has designated Azusa Pipe as a responsible party in the San Gabriel Valley Superfund, Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU), and from the Regional Board, which issued a Cleanup & Abatement Order (CAO) in 2000. Azusa Pipe has not complied with the CAO, claiming an inability to pay. On February 15, 2006, the Regional Board referred this case to the State of California, Office of Attorney General for enforcement through the judicial system.

### **Exxon Mobil Torrance Refinery: Southwest Area Chromium VI**

Elizabeth Erickson

Exxon Mobil operates a refinery, including a tank farm and distribution facility, on 750 acres in the City of Torrance. Regular monitoring required under Cleanup and Abatement Orders (CAO) 85-17, 89-136 and 95-116, detected chromium VI in 2000. Characterization of the 350 x 150 foot area with 56 cores, penetrometer tests or wells found Chromium VI levels as high as 200 mg/L in the groundwater and 95.9 mg/Kg in the soil. Exxon Mobil proposed remediation using injection of calcium polysulfide, which reduces the chromium VI into the non-toxic chromium III in the soil and groundwater underlying at about 70 feet. A timely cleanup of the chromium VI site was necessary to allow the City of Torrance to widen a portion of Del Amo Boulevard which overlies the site.

To facilitate cleanup of the chromium VI site, staff prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration Resolution and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR). The WDR will allow Exxon Mobil to conduct a pilot test and, pending results, expand to full scale, as described in the Discharger's Remedial Action Plan and the staff's conditional approval letter, dated February 22, 2006. And on March 9, 2006, the Regional Board conducted a public meeting, during which it certified the Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopted the WDR.

In addition to following normal notification procedures for CEQA and for the proposed actions by the Regional Board, staff released a Fact Sheet to about 30 residents who live near the chromium VI site. However, no calls or written comments were received.

## ***Public Outreach***

### **Board Staff Presentation at the University of Southern California (USC) and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**

Yue Rong

On February 24, 2006, Board Staff Dr. Yue Rong was invited to speak at the USC Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering seminar, presenting the Board Underground Storage Tanks Program and environmental regulatory framework in general. The goal of the seminar is to expose students to different social interest sectors in environmental engineering field.

On March 8, 2006, Dr. Rong was also invited as a panelist to speak at the UCLA Institute of the Environment, presenting the Board Underground Storage Tanks Program. The seminar is one of the series on campus for the Southern California Environmental Report Card publication by the Institute.

## **Board Staff Was Elected as the President of Local Minority Environmental Professional Association**

Yue Rong

In February 2006, Board Staff Dr. Yue Rong was elected to be the President of the governing board for the Southern California Chinese American Environmental Professional Association (SCCAEPA), a non-profit, volunteer-based organization serving local minority community.

### ***Personnel Report***

As of April 6, 2006 our staff total is 137: 119 technical staff (including 3 part-time staff), 8 permanent analytical staff and 10 permanent clerical staff.

The following promotions were made:

**Weixing Tong**, from Engineering Geologist to Senior Engineering Geologist effective February 28, 2006.

**L.B. Nye**, from Environmental Scientist to Senior Environmental Scientist effective March 2, 2006.

The following separated from Region 4:

**Weindy Abarquez**, Staff Services Analyst, separated from State service effective February 1, 2006.

### **Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program**

Valerie Carrillo

Dana Cole

As of March 10, 2006, the Regional Board has received 19 new applications for Section 401 Water Quality Certification actions. Currently, 109 applications are still pending. The following Certification actions have been issued since the preparation of the last Executive Officers Report:

### ***Watershed Management***

#### **Los Angeles River Watershed**

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The Watershed Council is a consortium of government agencies, community and environmental groups, business and academia who organized both to resolve and prevent problems in the watershed in a cooperative, collaborative manner.

Formation of the Watershed Council grew out of a conference held in 1995 to discuss how to initiate and/or implement watershed management objectives in the greater Los Angeles Area. Stakeholders in attendance agreed to continue meeting and begin a multi-purpose cooperative watershed management process that is open to the public. The Council's website is at <http://www.lasgrwc.org>. The Watershed Council has published a document entitled, "Beneficial Uses of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers." Copies may be requested via the Council's website.

The Watershed Council was awarded Proposition 13 grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a Compton Creek Watershed Management Plan. Compton Creek is a tributary to the lower Los Angeles River. A steering committee and a community action team developed the Plan which can be found at <ftp://www.lasgrwc.org/ComptonCreek>. The steering committee is actively meeting to start implementation of Plan elements. More information may be found on the Watershed Council's website at <http://www.lasgrwc.org/ComptonCreekWMP.htm>.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), in partnership with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), was awarded Proposition 13 grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a Rio Hondo Watershed Management Plan. The Rio Hondo is a major subwatershed draining to the Los Angeles River. It is anticipated that the RMC will

adopt it as part of their Rivers and Tributaries Greenway Plan. A copy of the watershed management plan is available for download at [http://www.rmc.ca.gov/rio\\_hondo/rh\\_index.html](http://www.rmc.ca.gov/rio_hondo/rh_index.html).

Information about the Arroyo Seco, a major tributary to the Los Angeles River, may be found at the Arroyo Seco Foundation's website <http://www.arroyoseco.org/>. Northeast Trees was awarded Proposition 13 grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare an Arroyo Seco Watershed Management and Restoration Plan. A public draft of the document is now available and can be obtained by contacting Jason Pelletier at [Jason@northeasttrees.org](mailto:Jason@northeasttrees.org).

The Friends of the LA River is a nonprofit organization formed in 1986 in support of Los Angeles River restoration activities. More information about the organization may be found at <http://www.folar.org/>.

The River Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to planning for natural resource protection, conservation and enhancement in Los Angeles County. The group has received CalFed funding to develop a watershed management plan for the Tujunga Watershed, a subwatershed of the Los Angeles River. More information about the organization may be found at <http://www.theriverproject.org/> and about the Tujunga Wash project at <http://www.tujungawash.org/>.

The Amigos de los Rios is a nonprofit organization working with cities and residents to renew urban neighborhoods. A current project being worked on is the Emerald Necklace, a vision for a 17 mile loop of parks and greenways connecting 10 cities and nearly 500,000 residents along the Río Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. More information about the organization may be found at <http://www.amigosdelosrios.org/>.

### **San Gabriel River Watershed**

A "State of the Watershed" report is available for the San Gabriel River Watershed which was prepared by Regional Board staff in 2000. The report describes the watershed, with its many diversion structures and recharge areas, and summarizes available water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson. The complete set of data evaluated for the report (as well as the report itself) is available electronically by contacting Shirley Birosik at [sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov). The report can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles> and clicking on "Watersheds" on the left side-bar which leads to a clickable map of the region's watersheds for information specific to each one. Hardcopies of the report are also available.

In 1999, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Public Works (in cooperation with the County Departments of Parks and Recreation and Regional Planning) to prepare a San Gabriel River Master Plan, a draft of which is currently available. The National Park Service through its Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program assisted in the development effort. All river stakeholders were invited to participate. The intent was to develop a consensus-based document that will recognize and address River issues and concerns of the stakeholders. It includes areas within existing rights of way from Morris Dam in the San Gabriel Mountains to the River's outlet in Seal Beach. The Master Plan identifies project opportunities for: enhancements for recreation, open space, and habitat areas; restoration; preservation of the River's natural resources; maintaining flood protection and existing water rights. The Master Plan effort will continue to be coordinated with the activities of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy. The draft document may be obtained at <http://www.sangabrielriver.com/>.

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) produced a Guiding Principles Watershed and Open Space Plan which may be obtained at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov/>. Meeting notices for the Conservancy's Board are also on the website. The Conservancy is an independent State agency within the Resources Agency of the State of California established by state law in 1999. Its jurisdiction includes the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills. It was established to preserve urban open space and habitats in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within its jurisdiction. Implementation of the Open Space Plan is occurring partly through award of pass-through grant funds.

The San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy (SGMRC) is a private, nonprofit, collaborative organization established in 1997. The SGMRC was awarded a Proposition 13 Watershed Protection Grant by the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a watershed plan for the three sub-watersheds above Whittier Narrows: San Jose Creek, Walnut Creek, and the Upper San Gabriel River. More information may be found on their website at <http://www.sgmrc.org/>.

### **Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Malibu Creek Watershed**

The Malibu Creek Watershed Council have met on a bimonthly basis for many years and is concerned with a variety of human health and habitat issues. Current active committees/task forces under the Council include those focusing on habitat/species, monitoring/water quality, education, and Rindge Dam. The Council's Malibu Lagoon Task Force began to meet again due to active lagoon restoration planning now underway. Information on the lagoon restoration planning process and a copy of the final lagoon restoration plan funded by the Coastal Conservancy may be found at <http://www.healthebay.org/currentissues/mlhep/default.asp>. The Monitoring Subcommittee also meets regularly to serve as a Technical Advisory Committee to a Proposition 13-funded watershed-wide monitoring program.

Minutes from previous Council meetings, agendas for future meetings, and information about the watershed may be found on the Council's website at <http://www.malibuwatershed.org/>.

A Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study is underway. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and California Department of Parks and Recreation are the major partners in this effort which will evaluate, among other options, the feasibility of restoring the ecosystem through removal of Rindge Dam. The technical advisory group for the effort meets monthly while a larger stakeholder focus group last met on June 16, 2005.

### **Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Topanga Creek Watershed**

A watershed committee has been meeting in the Topanga Creek Watershed since 1998. This group was formed as a followup to the Topanga Canyon Floodplain Management Citizens' Advisory Committee which produced a draft Topanga Creek Watershed Management Plan in 1996. A major goal of the watershed committee has been to prioritize potential watershed protection actions previously identified, and participate in a coordinated resource management planning (CRMP) process. A watershed management plan was finalized in 2002. The Committee will continue work on implementation of actions identified in the Management Plan. The group generally meets monthly, alternating between the third Thursday night and the second Saturday morning. Their website address is <http://www.topangacreekwatershed.org/>.

### **Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Ballona Creek Watershed**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works was awarded a Proposition 13 Watershed Protection Grant by the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a watershed plan for Ballona Creek. The Ballona Creek Watershed Task Force met for about a year during Plan development and the final Plan was released at the group's September 2004 meeting. A watershed coordinator was hired with Department of Conservation funds to help guide implementation of the plan and lead the Task Force in future meetings. The group is currently pursuing establishment of a nonprofit. The group meets in the afternoon on the third Tuesday of the month, generally in Culver City. Meeting minutes and agendas may be found at <http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/bc/>.

The State Coastal Conservancy in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Game and State Lands Commission has begun work on developing a restoration plan for Ballona Wetlands. More information about this work may be found at <http://www.scc.ca.gov/Ballona/index.html>. A US Army Corps-funded Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study is also being conducted in coordination with the Coastal Conservancy work. More information about this study may be found at [http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/cms/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=64&Itemid=31](http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/cms/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=64&Itemid=31).

### **Dominguez Watershed**

The Dominguez Watershed includes the waters of Dominguez Channel, Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors, Machado Lake, and the land areas draining into them. The Dominguez Watershed Advisory Council was formed in February 2001 and met on a monthly basis for three years to conduct a variety of tasks including development of a Watershed Management Master Plan (funded by Proposition 13) aimed at protecting and improving the environment and beneficial uses of the watershed. The watershed plan was finalized and a list of potential implementation projects/programs was included in the Plan. The Funding Subcommittee has recently become active again and is investigating possible means to fund a watershed coordinator to lead future implementation and outreach efforts. Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of every other month now. The group's website is at <http://ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/dc/>.

### **Los Cerritos Channel/Alamitos Bay Watershed Management Area**

A feasibility study for restoration of Colorado Lagoon was funded by the Coastal Conservancy. The lagoon is a tidal water body connected to Alamitos Bay via a box culvert. The lagoon is heavily utilized for recreational activities; it is in a natural low point of the watershed and thus receives a considerable amount of urban runoff and has impaired water quality. The purpose of the Colorado Lagoon Restoration Feasibility Study is to evaluate and recommend feasible opportunities to restore the marine ecosystem and support safe recreation while improving water and sediment quality and managing storm water in the lagoon. The City of Long Beach was recently award Clean Beaches Initiative funds from the State Water Resources Control Board to begin implementation of water quality improvement actions described in the feasibility study. More information on the study may be found at <http://www.longbeach.gov/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=561>.

### **Ventura River Watershed**

A "State of the Watershed" report for the Ventura River Watershed prepared by Regional Board staff is available. The report describes the watershed and summarizes available water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson. The complete set of data evaluated for the report (as well as the report itself) is available electronically by contacting Shirley Birosik at [sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov). The report can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles> and clicking on "Watersheds" on the left side-bar which leads to a clickable map of the region's watersheds for information specific to each one. Hardcopies are also available.

An Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study is ongoing in the watershed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Ventura County Flood Control District are the major partners in this effort which will evaluate, among other options, the feasibility of restoring the ecosystem through removal of Matilija Dam. The Final EIR/EIS was released in September 2004 and federal funding is currently being pursued for final design work. More information, including project reports and the Final EIR/EIS, may be obtained on the website <http://www.matilijadam.org/>.

The Matilija Coalition is a local group committed to removal of Matilija Dam and subsequent ecosystem restoration. More information about the group may be found at <http://www.matilija-coalition.org/>.

### **Santa Clara River Watershed**

A public review draft of a "State of the Watershed" report prepared by Regional Board staff will be available in early spring 2006 for the Santa Clara River Watershed. As with other reports of this type, it will describe the watershed and summarize available surface water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson.

A draft Santa Clara River Enhancement and Management Plan (SCREMP) was developed to address management of the 500-year floodplain of the main river corridor. Related to the SCREMP, Clean Water Act Section 205(j) grant monies have been awarded to the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for development of a comprehensive river monitoring plan. Additionally, an Army Corps of Engineers-

sponsored watershed-wide planning effort has begun which will follow up on the intensive effort put into river corridor planning.

In 1994, a pipeline over the Santa Clara River ruptured during the Northridge Earthquake and spilled crude oil. Funds from a settlement for natural resources damages are being administered by the Santa Clara River Trustee Council which is made up of representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and California Department of Fish and Game.

The Trustee agencies completed a Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Santa Clara River ARCO Oil Spill (Restoration Plan) to guide the use of the settlement funds. The Trustees have begun implementing preferred projects described in the Restoration Plan by identifying potential land acquisition and habitat restoration opportunities in the Santa Clara River Watershed.

Some of the oil spill settlement funds have been allocated to studies of the river's biota that will eventually be utilized by the Coastal Conservancy's Santa Clara River Parkway Restoration Feasibility Study. The results of the feasibility study will be used in restoration of parcels along the river being acquired by the Coastal Conservancy. Information on the Parkway may be found at <http://www.santaclarariverparkway.org/>.

The Ventura County Task Force of the Wetlands Recovery Project meets on the second Thursday of the month, generally from 2- 4 PM, at the Ventura County Government Center's Multipurpose Room. Updates on the feasibility study and on projects funded by the settlement funds will occur at these meetings on an as-needed basis.

### **Calleguas Creek Watershed**

The Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Committee was convened in 1996 to initiate development of a comprehensive watershed management plan. A large group of stakeholders, including federal, state, and local agencies, landowners, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are represented. An Executive Steering Committee, consisting of a much smaller group of stakeholders, guides the day-to-day activities of the watershed group. Subcommittees have changed through time but currently target Water Resources/ Water Quality, Flood Protection and Sediment Management, Habitat/Open Space/ Recreation, Land Use, Public Outreach/Education, and Agriculture. Subcommittees generally meet monthly or bimonthly. The Management Plan Committee as a whole is currently focusing its attention on TMDL work in the watershed. Information about the management committee and its subcommittees as well as documents and meeting dates can be found at <http://www.calleguascreek.org/>.

### **Miscellaneous Ventura Coastal Watershed Management Area**

An oil pipeline ruptured in December 1993, spilling more than 2,000 barrels of crude oil into McGrath Lake and onto nearby beaches. A Trustee Council was eventually formed to plan and manage restoration of natural resources using settlement funds. The McGrath State Beach Area Berry Petroleum Oil Spill Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment may be viewed at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/organizational/scientific/nrda/NRDAmcgrath.htm>. The draft plan outlines criteria for evaluating the restoration alternatives and addresses the potential environmental effects of each.

A wetlands restoration plan is being developed by the State Coastal Conservancy and its consultants for the Ormond Beach Wetlands. Progress on this work is generally discussed at Ormond Beach Task Force meetings held on the fourth Thursday every other month in Oxnard.

### **Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project**

The Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project (WRP) is a partnership of public agencies working cooperatively to acquire, restore, and enhance coastal wetlands and watersheds between Point Conception and the International border with Mexico. Using a non-regulatory approach and an ecosystem perspective, the

WRP works to identify wetland acquisition and restoration priorities, prepare plans for these priority sites, pool funds to undertake these projects, implement priority plans, and oversee post-project maintenance and monitoring.

The WRP is headed by a Board of Governors comprised of top officials from each of the participating agencies. The Southern California Wetlands Managers Group and the Public Advisory Committee serve as advisory groups to the Board. The Wetlands Managers Group is responsible for drafting the regional restoration plan and advising the Governing Board on regional acquisition, restoration, and enhancement priorities. Governing Board meetings are public and are noticed at least 10 days prior to each meeting. If you sign up on the WRP's listserve at <http://www.scwrp.org/contact.htm>, you will receive email notification of all board meetings. The Board of Governors last met in March in conjunction with a wetlands symposium held in Santa Barbara. More information about this event may be found on the WRP's webpage at <http://www.scwrp.org>.

County Task Forces help solicit projects for consideration for WRP funding by the Managers Group and Board of Governors. The program provides funding for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement projects for coastal wetlands and watersheds in Southern California. Both the Ventura and Los Angeles County Task Forces have Education Subcommittees which are looking to build on existing education programs while identifying gaps to be filled.

The WRP also has a Science Advisory Panel (SAP) and a wetlands ecologist who acts as liaison with the SAP. Recent activities have focused on coordination with a statewide effort to develop methods for rapid assessment of wetlands and development of a wetlands regional monitoring program. A paper on the habitat value of treatment wetlands has also been written and is available on the WRP's webpage at <http://www.scwrp.org/>.

A contract between Environment Now on behalf of the WRP and the State Water Resources Control Board has resulted in a number of useful and interesting products including maps and reports. These may be found at <http://www.lasgrwc.org/WRP.htm>.

### **Watershed Management Initiative Chapter**

Each Regional Board has a "chapter" in a statewide document which describes the Region's watersheds and their priority water quality issues. The last update occurred in October 2004. The consolidated statewide document is the basis for many funding decisions including allocating money for monitoring, TMDL development, and grant monies disbursement. Future updates will occur on an as-needed basis. The document may be obtained electronically (in MSWord) by contacting Shirley Birosik, Watershed Coordinator, at 213-576-6679 or [sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov). It can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles> and clicking on "Watersheds" on the left side-bar. In addition, "Watersheds" will lead to a clickable map of the region's watersheds for information specific to each one.

### **Funding**

Information on a wide variety of funding sources is available on the California Watershed Funding Database website at <http://calwatershedfunds.org/>.

**Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program**

DATE OF ISSUANCE	STAFF	APPLICANT	PROJECT	ACTION
2/8/06	VC	Los Angeles County DPW	Beverly Blvd. Bridge Over Rio Hondo Channel	Conditional WQC
2/15/06	VC	Southern CA. Gas Co.	Line-324 MP 38.72 Salt Creek Pipeline Exposure	Conditional WQC
2/15/06	DC	City of Long Beach DPW	Davies Launch Ramp Improvements Phase II	Conditional WQC
2/16/06	VC	County of Ventura PW	Grimes Canyon Road Bridge No. 226 Scour Protection	Conditional WQC
2/17/06	VC	California Department of Transportation, District 7 (LA)	State Route 150 (Santa Paula Side)-Storm Damage Repair Projects PM 27.24, PM 27.53, PM 28.06, and PM 28.12	Conditional WQC
2/17/06	VC	City of Santa Clarita	Cross Valley Connector Gap Closure Project	Conditional WQC
2/27/06	DC	Los Angeles County DPW	Eaton Canyon Reservoir Storm Damage Repairs	Conditional WQC
2/27/06	DC	City of Los Angeles DWP	Van Norman Upper and Middle Debris Basin Maintenance	Conditional WQC
2/27/06	DC	California Department of Transportation, District 7	LA-5/Zoo Drive Reconstruct Trapezoid Concrete Channel	Conditional WQC
2/27/06	DC	Philip Hand	1004 Linda Glen Drive Pasadena	Non-Jurisdictional Letter

For additional information regarding our Section 401 Program, please contact Valerie Carrillo (213) 576-6759. Any petitions for the appeal of a Section 401 Water Quality Certification action must be filed within 30 days of the date of its issuance. We encourage public input during the Certification process.

**Attachment "A" Table I**

During the month of February 2006, 12 dischargers were enrolled under the general NPDES permits, 3 enrollments were revised, and 2 enrollments were terminated. The Table below contains a breakdown of the enrollments, revisions, and terminations for each category of general NPDES permit during the month of February 2006.

**SUMMARY OF GENERAL PERMITTING UNIT ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 2006**

<b>A.</b>	<b>NPDES CAG994004 (Order No. R4-2003-0111) Construction &amp; Project Dewatering</b>	<b>Date of Coverage</b>	<b>Date of Revision</b>	<b>Date of Termination</b>
1	Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Segment B of the Santa Clara River at Santa Paula Airport, Santa Paula	2/9/06		
2	Cagney Ranch – Aliso Residential Development Project, 8700 Sesnon Blvd., Granada Hills	2/6/06		
3	100 East Ocean Partners LLC – Edgewater on Ocean Condominium Project, 100 Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach	2/7/06		
4	Realtyland Company, Inc., Madang LLC, 623 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles	2/9/06		
5	Artesia Partners, LLC, The Plaza, 1170 South Street, Artesia	2/9/06		
6	Maguire Properties – 555 West Fifth, LLC, Gas Company Tower, 555 West 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles			2/15/06
7	Providence Group, LLC., Seacastle Apartments, 1725 Ocean Front Walk, Santa Monica	2/16/06		
8	Gantry Constructors Inc., - Metropolitan Water District Foothill Feeder Water Pipeline Replacement Project, 23238 West Valencia Blvd., Valencia	2/16/06		
9	Beverly Hills Luxury Hotel, LLC, Beverly Hills Parking Garage, 225 N. Canon Drive, Beverly Hills	2/21/06		
10	Montrose Chemical Corporation of CA, Pilot Groundwater Extraction Test Project, Former Montrose Facility & Montrose-Del Amo Superfund Sites, 20201 S. Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles		2/22/06	
11	Platinum Paradigm Properties LLC, Parking Structure, 375 N. Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills	2/24/06		
12	Calleguas Municipal Water District, Las Posas Feeder Unit 3 Project, Moorpark			2/28/06
<b>B.</b>	<b>NPDES No. CAG994005 (Order NO. R4-2003-0108) Potable Water Supply Wells Discharges</b>			
1	Glorietta Well Nos. 3, 4, 6 and Verdugo Well Nos. A & B, Various Locations within the City of Glendale		2/3/06	
2	Water Replenishment District of Southern California/Los Angeles County Department of Public Works - Alamitos Barrier Project, 6801 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Long Beach	2/1/06		
3	Newhall County Water District, Well Nos. 12 & 13, San Fernando Road, Santa Clarita		2/27/06	
<b>C.</b>	<b>NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. R4-2004-0109) Hydrostatic Test Water</b>			
1	Petro Diamond Terminal Company, Tank Farm, 1920 Luger Way, Long Beach	2/17/03		
<b>D.</b>	<b>NPDES CAG994003 (Order No. R4-2004-0058) Nonprocess</b>			
1	Warner Bros. Studio Facilities, 400 Warner Boulevard, Burbank	2/28/06		